



## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Indiana State Board of Education

**FROM:** Dr. George Frampton, Chief School Certification Officer

**DATE:** October 28, 2009

**SUBJECT:** Professional Development Grant Funding

The General Assembly has allocated money for professional development programs for the 2009-2010 school year. All public schools, including charter schools, and accredited non-public schools, including, freeway schools, are eligible to participate in the professional development grant program.

To obtain a professional development grant a school must submit:

- The annual review and revise report showing changes to the school improvement plan as well as expenditures from last year's grant.
- The most recent school improvement plan.
- A professional development grant application.
- The required school and corporation level assurance forms for the grant showing approval by building principal district superintendent as well as the district's exclusive bargaining representative.

The state budget approved in June provided \$5.5 million dollars for this grant. This is an approximately 60% reduction in funding from last year's \$12.8 million dollar amount.

Grant dollars will be distributed in two phases. After Board approval, schools whose grant application has been approved will receive a \$1,250 flat grant. A per pupil amount will be distributed in December based on the October 1, 2009, pupil enrollment count from the required DOE-PE report submission.

**Recommendation-** Approval of the grants for the schools on the attached list.

**Note:** This is a supplemental funding list for a limited number of schools. These include new schools for 2009-2010 as well as schools that have merged with other buildings or otherwise re-configured. These schools have a deadline of November 1 to submit their application and other materials, allowing them to revise or complete school improvement plans and plans for staff development. At this time, none of these schools have totally completed the process. The final list of these schools will be provided at the November 4 meeting.